**NAMI Western Carolina** will offer its **FREE** Family-to-Family Education Program for family, caregivers, & friends of individuals living with a mental illness. This 12-session Signature Program was designated as <u>Evidence-Based Practice in 2013 by SAMHSA</u>. Classes are taught by trained family member volunteers. Class size is limited. **Pre-registration is required.** 

It will be held at a convenient **ASHEVILLE** location on:

## Tuesdays March 8<sup>th</sup> – May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 6:30-9:00 pm

## The F2F Program offers valuable education and support. Here's what you can expect:

- Current information about Schizophrenia, Major Depression, Bipolar Disorder, Panic Disorder, Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Borderline Personality Disorder, Co-Occurring Brain Disorders and Addictive Disorders.
- Up-to-date information about medications, side-effects, and strategies for medication adherence
- Current research related to the biology of brain disorders and the evidence-based, most effective treatments to promote recovery
- To gain empathy by understanding the subjective, lived experience of a person with mental illness
- To learn problem-solving, listening, and communication techniques in special workshops
- To acquire strategies for handling crises and relapse
- To focus on care for the caregiver; coping with worry, stress, and emotional overload
- Guidance on locating appropriate supports and services within the community
- Information on advocacy initiatives designed to improve and expand services

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